

## CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

Sub A1  
1. A system for publishing an electronic document on a network  
2 comprising:  
3 a multifunction machine to supply the electronic document;  
4 a filter to transform the electronic document for publication;  
5 a server having memory for storing the electronic document, the server  
6 permitting access to the electronic document using a document identifier and  
7 sending, to a publisher designated location, information regarding the number of  
8 accesses that have occurred.

1 2. The system defined in Claim 1 wherein the number of accesses that  
2 occurred comprises zero or more accesses.

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1 3. The system defined in Claim 1 wherein the multifunction machine  
2 comprises a print driver that publishes the electronic document on a network.

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1 4. The system defined in Claim 1 wherein the document identifier  
2 comprises a URL.

1           5.     The system defined in Claim 1 wherein the server deletes the  
2 document based upon existence of a condition.

1           6.     The system defined in Claim 5 wherein the condition is an access by an  
2 authorized user.

1           7.     The system defined in Claim 5 wherein the condition is a  
2 predetermined time after the document has been stored on the server.

Sub A3 1           8.     The system defined in Claim 1 wherein the server maintains access  
2 logs and updates the access logs each time a document is accessed.

1           9.     The system defined in Claim 1 wherein the server comprises a system  
2 manager.

1           10.    The system defined in Claim 9 wherein the system manager is capable  
2 of accessing access logs.

1           11.    The system defined in Claim 9 wherein the system manager notifies  
2 the publisher that a document was accessed by a user.

Sub A4 1           12.    The system defined in Claim 11 wherein the server manager  
2 automatically sends an electronic mail message to the publisher indicating that the  
3 document was accessed by a user.

1           13.    The system defined in Claim 1 wherein the filter performs virus  
2 removal.

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14. A method of publishing an electronic document to a user comprising:  
2 a multifunction machine unconsciously sending an electronic document to a  
3 server as part of performing another user specified function;  
4 sending a network document identifier and password for accessing the  
5 electronic document;  
6 accessing the electronic document using the network documents identifier  
7 and password;  
8 sending an electronic mail message indicating the number of accesses to the  
9 electronic document that have occurred.

15. The method defined in Claim 14 wherein sending the electronic  
2 document comprises a multi-function machine printing the electronic document.

16. The method defined in Claim 14 further comprising generating a  
2 security key.

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17. A computer-implemented method comprising:  
2 receiving an unconsciously captured electronic document at a server;  
3 the server allowing access to the electronic document by using a security key  
4 and a document resource identifier; and  
5 the server automatically notifying a publisher that an electronic document  
6 has been accessed.

1           18.    The method defined in Claim 17 wherein the server notifies a user that  
2   an electronic mail message containing a URL has been sent from a server.

1           19.    The method defined in Claim 17 further comprising preventing access  
2   to the electronic document once a condition exists.

1           20.    The method defined in Claim 19 wherein the condition is a  
2   predetermined amount of time has passed.

1           21.    The method defined in Claim 19 wherein the condition is the electronic  
2   document has been accessed a predetermined number of times.

1           22.    An apparatus comprising:  
2           means for receiving an unconsciously captured electronic document at a  
3   server;  
4           means for allowing access to the electronic document by using a security key  
5   and a document resource identifier; and  
6           means for automatically notifying a publisher that an electronic document  
7   has been accessed.

1           23.    The apparatus defined in Claim 22 wherein means for notifying  
2   notifies a user that an electronic-mail message containing a URL has been sent from  
3   a server.

1           24.    The method defined in Claim 22 further comprising means for  
2 preventing access to the electronic document once a condition exists.

1           25.    The method defined in Claim 24 wherein the condition is a  
2 predetermined amount of time has passed.

1           26.    The method defined in Claim 24 wherein the condition is the electronic  
2 document has been accessed a predetermined number of times.

1           27.    The apparatus defined in Claim 22 further comprising means for  
2 generating the security key.

1           28.    An article of manufacture having one or more recordable media  
2 having a plurality of executable instructions stored thereon which, when executed  
3 by a processing device, cause the processing device to:  
4           receive an unconsciously captured electronic document at a server;  
5           allow access to the electronic document by using a security key and a  
6 document resource identifier; and  
7           automatically notify a publisher that an electronic document has been  
8 accessed.